

(d) if so, the what extent these proposals have helped in reducing the powers of the Public Investment Board; and

(e) to what extent this has also helped in reducing the delay in sanctioning of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (e) There is no proposal by this Ministry to transfer the powers of Public Investment Board to respective Central Ministries and Departments. However a decision has been announced in the Finance Minister's Budget Speech to delegate more powers on investment decisions to Boards of PSUs.

Instructions already exist that all investment proposals should be backed by adequate funding arrangements.

Instructions also exist, laying down a time schedule regarding each stage of investment decision before a case can be put up to the PIB. It is the responsibility of each agency to ensure that the time schedule is adhered to.

[Translation]

Export Oriented Units in U.P.

3268. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of export oriented units in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh permitted during 1996-97;

(b) the total amount invested in these units;

(c) whether the Government have estimated about the number of workers got employment in these units; and

(d) if so, the percentage of workers employed in these units during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH):

	Entire Country	U.P.
(a) No. of export oriented units (EOUs) approved during 1996-97	455	29
(b) Investment proposed to be made in these EOUs (Rs. in Crores)	9994.53	457.85
(c) Proposed employment of supervisory and non supervisory staff in these EOUs (in No.)	71,990	4373
(d) Percentage of workers proposed to be employed in these EOUs.	100%	6%

[English]

Income Tax Payers of Ladakh

3269. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total amount realised from the Income Tax Payers of Ladakh region during each of the last three years, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): The amount realised from income-tax payers of Ladakh region for the last three assessment years are stated below:-

1994-95	Rs. 50,000/-
1995-96	Rs. 41,000/-
1996-97	Rs. 38,000/-

Separate date in respect of Leh and Kargil districts is not maintained.

[Translation]

Shortage of Stamp Paper

3270. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the shortage of stamp papers of the value of Rs. 10 and Rs. 5 in some districts of Bihar;

(b) is so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to supply adequate quantity of stamp paper of lower denomination to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The short supply is due to constraints of capacity at Security Presses.

(c) The capacity of the Presses is proposed to be augmented by installation of new machinery and reorganisation of production activities of the presses.

[English]

Unrecovered Loan

3271. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY:
PROF. JITENDER NATH DAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of unrecovered loan extended by the Nationalised Banks to the industrial and business sectors;

(b) the details of such unrecovered loans which are of an amount of above rupees five crores business, house-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for recovery of such loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The data reporting system of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate information in the manner asked for. However, the details of categorywise overdue advances of public sector banks as on September 1994 (latest available with RBI) are give below:

Category	Overdue advances
	(Rs. crores)
Large and Medium Industries	8153.12
Small Scale Industries	5419.85
Agriculture	5321.23
Other Priority Sector	3977.66
All others	5805.81
Total	28677.67

(c) Debts Recovery Tribunals have been established by Government to speed up the recovery of dues owed to banks and financial institutions. Government and RBI have also been impressed upon the banks the need to strengthen the credit appraisal machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Targets of recovery/reduction of non-performing assets (NPA) have been fixed by RBI. Recovery Cells have been set up at the Headquarters of the nationalised banks under the charge of a General Manager. Board of Directors are also required to review the recovery position on a regular basis. The RBI has also put in position a system of circulating a list of large defaulting borrowers for the confidential use of banks and financial institutions on a half-yearly basis, so that this information could be used as an input in decision making.

[Translation]

Loss Making Industries

3272. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the Industries which are running in losses and which are earning profit in the country during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government have examined causes for the losses incurred to such industrial units;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the losses to such units in future?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) State-wise/Union Territory-wise list of Central

PSUs is given in Appendix III of Volume-I of P.E. Survey, 1994-95 laid in both the Houses of Parliament on 19.7.96. PSE wise detail showing net profit/loss during last five years is given in Statement No. 7A and 7B of the said volume.

(b) and (c) Reasons for making losses are enterprise specific. However, some of the common reasons are obsolete and outdated plants and machinery, surplus manpower, high interest burden, lack of suitable market, etc.

(d) The steps taken to improve the performance are also enterprise specific. However, some of the steps taken by the Government include periodical performance review meetings by the administrative Ministries/Departments, enhanced power to Board of Directors, professionalisation of Board management, signing of MOUs, reduction in surplus labour force through VRS, technology upgradation, etc.

[English]

Frauds in Bihar

3273. SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bank in tizzy as staff swindle 1.45 cr." appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 6.11.1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) whether cases of blame worthy culpable negligence, criminal acts of fraud, cheating and fraud and misconduct etc. are on increase in the private sector banks; and

(d) if so, the action the Government propose to take to bring discipline in the private sector banks and to ensure that there is check on the proper administration of justice in those banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, to be extent available.

Cases Registered Against Officials of MMTC by CBI

3274. SHRI ANANT GUDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in the cases registered against senior officials of Minerals and Metal Trading Corporation of India Ltd. by CBI;

(b) if so, the details of cases registered during the last one year; and

(c) the details of cases wherein investigations have been completed and the outcomes thereof alongwith the action taken against those found guilty?